

COLORADO CANYONS NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA
Mack Ridge Working Group Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2002

Attendees:

John Foster	Nadja Brozina	Neal McKinstry
Greg Gnesios	Steve Cohn	Clark Rieves
Bob Anthony	Kevin Foote	Lynae Rogers
Gene Arnesen	Pat Kennedy	Lovell Sasser

Greetings and Introductions

Kevin Foote opened the Mack Ridge Working Group meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Work Group Discussions

Kevin summarized the discussions held during the last field trip. The group discussed continuing to rate the Mack Ridge area trails for level of difficulty. There is concern expressed over sharing Horsethief Bench with other user groups. Signage is suggested to allow the public to add up mileage for each loop for determining total length and assisting in evaluating which trails to use. The table below reflects the various trail lengths, difficulty ratings, and estimated times to complete the trails by the different user groups.

Trail	Total Distance (In miles)	Rating	Time (In hours)	User Groups
Steve's Loop	2.8	I	1.5-H,F 0.75-B	F,B,H
Rustlers Loop	3.6	E	1.5-F,H 0.75-B	F,B,H
Horsethief	3.8	I	2.0-F,H 1.0-B	F,B,H
Lion's Loop	7.0	A-B I-H	3.5-F 2.5-H 2.0-B	No consensus
Mack Ridge	6.7	A	3.5-F 1.5-B	F,B,H
Troy Built Loop	5.5	I-F A-H,B	3.0-F 2.5-H 2.0-B	F,B,H
Moore Fun	7.0	I-F MD-B I-H	3.5-H 2.5-H 2.0-B	No consensus

Rating: E-easy, I-intermediate, A-advanced, MD-most difficult

User Groups: F-foot, H-horse, B-bike

There is no consensus within the Working Group on Lion's Loop or Moore Fun Trail. The mountain bike community is concerned with safety issues on Lion's Loop, along with the trail's sustainability located on the western slope of the Moore Fun Trail, if horses use these trails.

The group reached a compromise on the use of Mary's Loop. The equestrian users may be willing to give up the use of Mary's Loop, if a connector loop is completed on the bench between Mary's Loop and Moore Fun Trail.

Kevin requested a large copy of the Mack Ridge map for drawing proposed trail additions and presenting to the Advisory Council. BLM can digitize these revisions.

A field trip has been scheduled for May 30, 5:00 p.m., with the group meeting at the Mack Ridge Trailhead parking lot. The next Working Group meeting has been scheduled for June 13, 5:00 p.m., at the Bureau of Land Management office. The meeting was adjourned.